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The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Docket No. 2010-385-C, Application of Allied Wireless Communications Corporation for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Allied Wireless Communications Corporation ("Allied Wireless") hereby requests that the Commission continue to hold in abeyance any discussion on Allied Wireless' pending ETC application for an additional thirty (30) days in order to allow the Applicant to determine the impact of the FCC's *USF-ICC Reform Order*. Allied Wireless appreciates the Commission's prompt action in this docket.

By way of background, on July 29, 2011, by Order, the Commission decided to hold in abeyance Allied Wireless ETC application "until such time as the FCC rules on revisions to the Federal Universal Service Fund."<sup>1</sup> On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released its anticipated Report and Order that significantly reforms the Federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") and, ultimately, replaces it with a new Connect America Fund.<sup>2</sup> As a result of the FCC's adoption of its *USF-ICC Reform Order*, Allied Wireless' pending ETC application is now ripe for a decision by this Commission and

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<sup>1</sup> *Application of Allied Wireless Communications Corporation d/b/a Alltel for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Order Holding Ruling on Application in Abeyance, Docket No. 2010-385-C; Order No. 2011-509 (adopted, July 29, 2011).

<sup>2</sup> *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51, *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135, *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337, *Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Lifeline and Link-Up*, WC Docket No. 03-109, *Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund*, WT Docket No. 10-208, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161, 2011 WL 5844975 (rel., Nov. 18, 2011), 76 Fed. Reg. 73830 (Nov. 29, 2011) ("*ICC-USF Reform Order*"); *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51, *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135, *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337, *Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Lifeline and Link-Up*, WC Docket No. 03-109, *Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund*, WT Docket No. 10-208, Order on Reconsideration, FCC 11-189, 2011 WL 6778613 (rel., Dec. 23, 2011).

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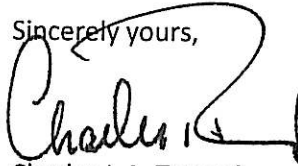
Allied Wireless believes that it has proven that it meets all of federal and state requirements for designation as an ETC.

As noted earlier, however, Allied Wireless respectfully requests that the Commission continue to hold in abeyance any discussion regarding Allied Wireless' pending ETC Application for thirty (30) days so that Allied Wireless can provide the Commission with information and its own analysis regarding the impact of the FCC's *USF-ICC Reform Order* on the possible designation of Allied Wireless as an ETC in South Carolina.

Please accept my apologies for the last minute nature of this request. I will endeavor to consult with counsel of record to determine whether they oppose this request before the Commission's meeting tomorrow.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles L.A. Terreni", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles L.A. Terreni

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